stage to cover the period from 1983 to 1988.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Free Telephones in the Hospitals of Gujarat

2552. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cost-free telephones provided in the hospitals of Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to provide "Trip facility" during 1993-94, 1994-95; and

(c) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, total 31 (Thirty one) cost free telephones have been provided in the hospitals of Gujarat. District-wise details are given in the Statement. (See below)

(b) No, Sir. It is presume that the Hon'ble M.P. means by "Trip facility" the facility by which a call gets automatically disconnected at the end of 3 minutes/5 minutes.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement

District-wise statement of cost-free telephones in the hospitals of Gujarat

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of free telephones provided
1	2	3
1.	Ahmedabad	4
2.	Gandhinagar	1
3.	Amreli	1
4.	Baroda	3
5.	Bharuch	1
6.	Bhavnagar	1
7.	Bhuj (Kutch)	1
8.	Bulsar	3
9.	Dangs	..
10.	Jamnagar	1
11.	Junagarh	1
12.	Kheda (Nadiad)	2
13.	Mehsana	1
14.	Palanpur (Banaskantha)	1
15.	Panchmahals (Godhra)	1
16.	Rajkot	1
17.	Sabarkantha (Himatnagar)	1
18.	Surat	6
19.	Surendranagar	1
	TOTAL	31

Telecom service in Hyderabad

2553. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Commission has engaged IMRB to monitor the quality of telephone service;

(b) if so, the details of cities selected;

(c) the results of this survey; and

(d) whether Hyderabad has been earmarked for improvement in telecom service

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir, in selected areas on sample basis.

Fraud in Nagpur G.P.O.

2554. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 28th February, 1994 under the caption 'CBI unearth fraud at Nagpur G.P.O.

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what action Government have taken against the persons found involved in the fradulent transactions;

(d) what vigilant steps are being taken in the G.P.O.; Nagpur and other post offices in the country to check withdrawals of money in fradulent manner;

(e) the number and details of similar cases which came to Government's notice in other post offices in the country during each of the last three years; and

(f) what action Government have taken against the persons involved in such transaction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the detection of a fraud at Nagpur General Post Office as appeared in the Indian Express on 28.2.1994. However, it was not unearthed by the C.B.I. but the case was reported to C.B.I. by the Director Postal Services, Nagpur on 15.11.1993.

(b) On the strength of a bogus Advice of Transfer, alleged to have been issued from Purulia Head Post Office, West Bengal, a fake Savings Banks account number 731027 was opened on 6.8.1993 at Shankar Nagar Sub-Office with a balance of Rs. 97,528-20. Rs. 94,000/- have been withdrawn from this account on 13.8.1993, 26.8.1993, 13.9.1993 and 25.9.1993. The bogus nature of the Advice of Transfer was detected by the Central Pairing Unit which reported the case to Director Postal Services, Nagpur on 21.10.1993 for further investigation.

(c) A complaint to the police was lodged on 21.10.1993 and to the C.B.I. on 15.11.1993 which registered the case for investigation and arrested Shri P. Z. Shyam Kumar, Upper Division Clerk of Nagpur General Post Office on 22.2.1994. He has been placed under suspension with immediate effect. During departmental investigations, four other officials were also suspended who were subequently transferred out of Nagpur General Post Office on revocation of the suspension.

(d) to (f) Information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

Cost of post cards, inland leter cards and envelopes

2555. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost, including handling charges of, Post Card, Inland letter card and an Envelop, respectively; and

(b) what is the total revenue earned therefor and the total amount incurred by the Department on these items annually?

THE MINISETR OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The cost including handling charges